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TAGS: PPDC, FR, ECIN

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO GISCARD

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL LETTER  
FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GISCARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SIGNED  
ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR VALERY,

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE BONN SUMMIT. IN MY  
VIEW, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA IS  
THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. WHETHER OR NOT A GOOD TRADE  
PACKAGE EMERGES FROM THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS THAT WE CAN  
ENDORSE AT THE SUMMIT WILL DO MUCH TO DETERMINE THE OUT-  
COME OF OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORT. OUR NEGOTIATORS HAVE MADE  
CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS SINCE WE DECIDED AT DOWNING STREET  
TO GIVE A NEW IMPETUS TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS;  
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THEY ARE WORKING HARD TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON THE KEY  
ISSUES.

I AM CONCERNED THAT AT THIS LATE DATE THE RECENT DECISIONS  
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAVE  
PROVIDED INSUFFICIENT BASIS FOR MOVING TOWARD ACCEPTABLE

SOLUTIONS OF THESE ISSUES.

I UNDERSTAND, OF COURSE, THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE CURRENT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT POSES FOR ALL OF US, AS WE ARE ASKED TO MAKE MAJOR COMMITMENTS TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO TRADE AND STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL RULES AND UNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING TRADE. I AM GLAD THAT YOU AND I SHARE A MUTUAL CONCERN ON HOW WE CAN BEST PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN AN OPEN WORLD ECONOMY IN THIS ENVIRONMENT.

I KNOW THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO THIS GOAL. TO THIS END, I HOPE THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CAN JOIN WITH US IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON KEY ISSUES IN THE GENEVA TRADE NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO THE BONN SUMMIT.

I HAVE INSTRUCTED BOB STRAUSS TO MEET THE COMMISSION HALF WAY. IF THIS PERMITS US TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS, IT WOULD BE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT IN WHICH ALL OF US COULD TAKE PRIDE.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER

END TEXT. VANCE

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